

NETWORKS!

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SUMMER SEASON TIPS!!

- Keep your grass under 10 inches long.
- Keep your yards and sidewalks free of litter .
- Keep the music in your homes and cars at a reasonable level.
- Keep Toter lids tightly shut to avoid unwanted visitors.
- Be a GOOD Neighbor!

CLIFF-NOTES

BY MOLLY CLIFFORD

On behalf of the entire Neighborhood Empowerment Teams (NET) staff, welcome to the first edition of *NETWorks!* There have been a number of changes to the NET program over the past few months, and we hope that our initiatives, like this newsletter, will help us serve you better.

This quarterly newsletter will share information about City of Rochester policies and procedures, celebrate neighborhood successes, and tell you about upcoming events and community meetings. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please let us know by contacting powella@cityofrochester.gov. You can also find a downloadable copy on the City's website www.cityofrochester.gov.

We hope you had an opportunity to participate in "Rochester's Clean Sweep," Mayor Duffy's initiative to bring community volunteers and City staff together to concentrate our efforts on cleaning up a different NET area each week. NET is proud to have been an integral part of this program, organizing volunteers and special projects for clean-up. We had hundreds of volunteers each week picking up literally tons of garbage and debris that accumulated over the winter. In NET offices across the City, we're working hard to improve our customer service, while maintaining our commitment to partnering with residents and investors to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Each NET office is now open one evening a week to better assist residents who work during the day. Your NET Area, F, is now open on Monday's from 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to call or stop in if you have questions or concerns about your neighborhood. At any time, if you have comments or questions about NET, please feel free to contact your area administrator or me. I can be reached at 428-6524 or by e-mail at molly.clifford@cityofrochester.gov. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer!



Molly Clifford
NET Director

THE LO DOWN

BY MARISOL O. LOPEZ

I am inspired by the goodness that exists in this neighborhood. I am Inspired by the leadership and the desire to make this a great place to live, work and conduct business. I have been the Administrator for this office for the past six months, and in that time I have come to discover the many great things that exist in this neighborhood.....my neighborhood. Yes, I have lived here for almost 10 years, but the past six months have been an eye opening experience. In that time, I have had the opportunity to work with a staff that is dedicated and cares, community leaders who won't take **NO** for an answer, and business owners determined to stay in this area and have a successful business. I have met families committed to City living and so many people who understand the vision of what is possible.



Marisol O. Lopez
NET Administrator

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THE LO DOWN

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I was pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of volunteers that came out to clean up this area as part of Mayor Duffy's Clean Sweep initiative. This area had the highest number of volunteers, but more importantly, it had the highest number of **residents** who participated in the clean up. NET's commitment to this community is ever present. My staff and I are here to serve you and work with you to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

I am excited about the Rochester Police Department's anti-violence/noise details in our area. As part of Chief Moore's strategy to put more police officers on the streets, the NET Lieutenant's and Crime Prevention Officers are working on special details daily in our neighborhood. In one week alone, 52 noise tickets and 46 uniform traffic summons were issued, four drug arrests were conducted, and three weapons were seized. I value the partnership we have with the Police Department and their integral role in NET.

You are always welcome to stop by and visit your NET office. Get to know the inspectors in your area, and learn about the ways that your involvement can make this community greater.

Our office is open Mondays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesdays - Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. I am very excited about the work we are doing in our neighborhood and look forward to the many accomplishments that are to come. If you would like for me to join you and your neighbors at a community walk to identify areas of concern and the shining stars in your area, feel free to call me at 428-7660.

I am honored to work in this neighborhood and thank you for inspiring me.

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NEW LEAD BASED PAINT POISONING PREVENTION CODE

BY GARY KIRKMIRE, NET CODE COORDINATOR

On July 1, 2006 the City's new Lead Ordinance went into effect. The Ordinance is applicable to all structures built prior to 1978. As part of any of the types of inspections currently being performed by NET staff, there will be a visual observation for deteriorated paint and bare soil.

The Legislation requires the use of Lead Safe Work Practices for anyone correcting a deteriorated paint violation and prohibits bare soil from being within three feet of the perimeter of a residential building. Once the necessary work is completed, deteriorated paint violations on the exterior, including open porches, will be visually cleared by NET staff. Interior deteriorated paint violations must be cleared by a Certified Lead Based Paint Inspector or Risk Assessor. In addition, in the designated "High Risk" areas, if a dwelling unit being inspected does not have an interior deteriorated paint violation, a lead dust wipe test will be scheduled and conducted by city staff.

For further information, including available grants, please contact the Lead Hotline at **428-LEAD** (5323) or visit the city's Lead web site at <http://lead.cityofrochester.gov>



ROLL CALL



BY LT. ERIC PAUL

With all the positives that the warm weather and sunshine bring, we quickly notice a few negatives that accompany the onset of summer. I'm not talking about ALLERGY season, although it may affect some of us worse than others. I am talking about City Residents' second greatest: **NOISE**. It has been deemed a major Quality of Life issue, so much so that the City increased the penalties for violations of the City's Noise Ordinance several years ago.

The Noise Ordinance for Vehicles. If you can hear electronically produced sound (car stereo for example), emanating from a vehicle over **50 feet** away, that vehicle is in violation of the Noise Ordinance. A Police Officer who sees this violation **can** stop the vehicle and cite the driver for a violation of the noise ordinance (\$100 ticket). The Officer **can** also tow the vehicle to the pound and force the owner to pay an additional (\$100+) tow fee. If the owner does not pick up the vehicle in a timely manner, he/she will incur added storage fees for that vehicle. **WHAT YOU CAN DO!** As a City resident, you should write down the license plate as well as the make and model of the car. Call your local NET office and report the complaint giving as much information of time and place as possible.

The Noise Ordinance for a Residence. If you are playing your home stereo or boom box inside or outside of your home between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., the noise/music should not be heard more than **50 feet** past your property line. Additionally, between the hours of **10 PM and 8 AM**, the noise/stereo should not be heard more than 50 feet from its source. It is important to note the times of day that allow for the variations of the Ordinance. **WHAT YOU CAN DO!** Take down as much information as possible including date and time of occurrence, house or apartment number, distance you estimate that the sound is traveling over 50 feet and most importantly, if at all possible, WHO the offender is. The Police ultimately need to know who is responsible and who will receive the \$100 ticket.

During the Summer, the Rochester Police Department will be conducting NOISE DETAILS on a regular basis throughout the City.

INSPECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

BY JOHN MCMAHON

Unlicensed Cars and You: A standard complaint at your Neighborhood Empowerment Team is for unlicensed or junk vehicles. The City of Rochester's Property Conservation Code prohibits storage of these vehicles on residential property - and for good reason. They offer harborage for rodents, a temptation for curious youth and an eye-sore to the surrounding neighborhood in many cases. **If You Have One:** Make it Legal: Make sure it is Registered and Inspected with Plates and Sticker; Get a permit: Call 428-6526; for a small fee you can legally store one vehicle per property for up to six months; Make it Gone: Put it in a garage or give it to charity. **If You See One:** Please call your Neighborhood Empowerment Team Office. Please indicate if it is visible from the street, or if you can only see it from your yard. Be sure to give the Neighborhood Conservation Officer permission to enter your yard to view it. If we can't see it, we can't cite it. Once verified, the property owner is issued a Notice and Order telling them we noticed a violation, and they are ordered to correct it. The notice and order expires after ten days. Once this ten day period has expired, the NCO returns, places a warning sticker on the car, and records the VIN#. A certified letter is then sent to the last legal registrant giving them ten days to follow the steps above. After the ten days have passed your NCO returns for another inspection. A final warning sticker is placed on the car, a picture is taken and all relative paperwork to have the car towed the following day is submitted. The cars Blue Book Value determines its fate. Cars valued at under \$1,250 are signed over to the towing contractor to be destroyed.

WHAT'S REALLY GOOD!



Congratulations to the North Clinton Avenue Business Association for beautifying the Avenue with stunning cement column-style planters. The planters were purchased with a grant from the City's Economic Development Department as part of the public improvements and area promotions activities they support.

NCABA placed 26 new planters on Sunday June 25th. Merchants, community volunteers, DES staff and Commissioner Carballada worked from 9-3 to place and fill each planter with beautiful flowers. The flowers were donated by Buckingham Properties and CitiBank. A total investment of over \$11,000 was made.

"Now **That's What's Really Good!** "



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NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS!

↻ **Marketview Heights**

The fourth Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. @ the Marketview Heights Community Association, 308 North Street

↻ **Hudson Avenue Business Assoc.**

The third Monday of each month, 5:00 p.m. @ Carter Street Community Center

↻ **Police and Citizen Interaction Committee - PCIC**

The second Tuesday of each month, 5:00 p.m. @ the RPD Eastside Section Community Room

↻ **NENA /Sector 10**

The second Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. @ the NET Office Conference Room, 500 Norton Street

↻ **North Clinton Avenue Business Association**

The third Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. @ the MicroEnterprise Center, 772 N. Clinton Avenue

↻ **Sector 9**

The third Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. @ 473 Hudson Avenue

↻ **Group 14621**

Quarterly Meetings TBA